AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

6. (New) An information recording medium comprising at least a substrate, a recording layer, and a resin layer,

wherein said substrate is formed with a pit corresponding to a read only area and a groove corresponding to a recording/reproducing area, and wherein said pit and said groove do not overlap with each other, and

wherein a reflectivity of said recording layer is more than 10%, and

wherein said recording layer and said resin layer are formed continuously over at least two areas of said read only area and said recording/reproducing area, and

wherein a push-pull signal output T1 reproduced from said read only area is more than 0.1 and another push-pull signal output T2 reproduced from said recording/reproducing area is more than 0.1, and wherein $1.5 \geq T1/T2 \geq 0.5$, and

wherein said pit is modulated by the 8/16 modulation method.

7. (New) A recording method for recording on an information recording medium comprising at least a substrate, a recording layer, and a resin layer,

wherein said substrate is formed with a pit corresponding to a read only area and a groove corresponding to a recording/reproducing area, and wherein said pit and said groove do not overlay with each other, and

wherein a reflectivity of said recording layer is more than 10%, and

wherein said recording layer and said resin layer are formed continuously over at least two areas of said read only area and said recording/reproducing area, and

wherein a push-pull signal output T1 reproduced from said read only area is more than 0.1 and another push-pull signal output T2 reproduced from said recording/reproducing area is more than 0.1 and wherein $1.5 \geq T1/T2 \geq 0.5$,

wherein recording is conducted by forming a mark by converging a laser beam, which irradiates the recording layer from said substrate side through an objective lens, on said groove constituting said recording/reproducing area.

8. (New) A recording method for recording on an information recording medium comprising at least a substrate, a recording layer, and a resin layer,

wherein said substrate is formed with a read only area and a recording/reproducing area, and wherein said read only area and said recording/reproducing area do not overlay with each other, and

wherein a reflectivity of said recording layer is more than 10%, and

wherein said recording layer and said resin layer are formed continuously over at least two areas of said read only area and said recording/reproducing area, and

wherein a push-pull signal output T1 reproduced from said read only area is more than 0.1 and another push-pull signal output T2 reproduced from said recording/reproducing area is more than 0.1, and wherein $1.5 \geq T1/T2 \geq 0.5$,

wherein said recording layer is recorded by using a blue laser beam having a wavelength of 405 nm.